



Legislative Update

May 2008

This report updates the status of legislation of interest to the Commission. Bills on which the Commission has taken a position, or staff have recommended a position are listed, ordered by subject area.

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The Commission advises the Governor and the Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission is available at www.cpec.ca.gov.

Access

AB 100 (Mullin) – As Amended January 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, proposes the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008, to be presented to voters in the November 4, 2008 general election. As of early May, the bill does not specify per-segment allocations in the \$9.1 billion bond. Staff notes that the Governor's proposed 2008–09 budget calls for a \$14.1 billion bond to provide \$6.4 billion for K-12 and \$7.7 billion for higher education facilities. Negotiations on this bill are continuing.

Status: Assembly: Passed. In Senate.

Support/Opposition: No recent official support or opposition.

AB 1409 (Portantino) – As Amended March 12, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, raises the limit of students who can be recommended by their principal for community college summer classes from 5% to 10%. The amendments also eliminate prohibitions on the State Board of Education's ability to waive certain school district requirements on recommending high school students for summer sessions, effective on January 1, 2010. This bill also amends selective reporting requirements to the Department of Finance regarding concurrent enrollment, also effective on January 1, 2010. The bill revises other state reporting requirements, mandating that these reports distinguish between the total numbers of special admit full-time equivalent students enrolled in four academic categories and includes career technical education and coursework transferable to CSU and UC. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

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Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support/Opposition: No recent official support or opposition.

SB 890 (Scott) – As Amended August 20, 2007 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, establishes the Early College Commitment Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction until January 1, 2020. This effort is intended to increase college preparation for low-income and underrepresented K-12 students. Participating districts are required to conduct programs to increase high school completion rates and motivate students to take challenging coursework. The bill requires participating districts to provide students with college information and hold preparation events. It provides that students who fulfill program requirements and enroll at a community college will be eligible for a Board of Governors fee waiver. The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to evaluate the program and make a recommendation on whether it should continue. This bill is well intended and consistent with the Commission's policies on financial aid outreach and access. Costs could limit its application, but it could provide substantial outreach efforts to students. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate: Passed. Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: This bill has received a broad base of support from K-12 districts, community college districts, community organizations, unions, and the private and public sector. A complete list of supporters is available at the state Legislative Counsel's website:

www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_890_cfa_20070709_171352_asm_comm.html

Opposition: (June 27, 2007 version) No official opposition.

Affordability

AB 2261 (Ruskin) – As amended April 16, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, authorizes the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to create a competitive grant program for faculty and staff to develop centers for "open education resources." The bill defines open education resources as learning materials whose copyrights have expired or that have been released with an intellectual property license that permits their free use. These materials may include entire courses, course materials, textbooks, classroom lecture videos, and other techniques to transmit knowledge. Grant recipients would be selected based on demonstrations of ability to accomplish the goals of the bill. The program is a two-year pilot that requires an outside evaluation and expires on January 1, 2012. The Commission supports innovations to improve access to educational materials and reduce costs for students. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

AB 2458 (Walters) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Move to Informal Watch (pending): This bill declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would provide financial rewards for students who graduate early from public colleges and universities. These rewards would be shared between the student and the institution. This bill did not meet the deadline for advancing from its first policy committee and is now inactive.

Status: Unknown.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

Performance Assessment

SB 325 (Scott) – As Amended March 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill requires the state to establish an accountability framework for public and independent postsecondary education systems. The bill designates the Commission as the central repository of data for the framework and requires the Commission to collect, maintain, and display the required data and to provide biennial summary reports. Recent amendments changed the reporting dates. The Commission is working with Senator Scott to clarify its role in the bill and to facilitate the author's objectives. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date June 10, 2008.

Support: California Postsecondary Education Commission, California State University, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, University of California.

Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 361 (Scott) – As Amended January 7, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill deletes selected reporting requirements of the California Postsecondary Education Commission from statutes. SB 361 deletes the following reports: adult and continuing education, financial conditions of independent institutions, evaluations of the Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), standardized testing, and other reports. The bill deletes activities that the Commission has replaced with more relevant and purposeful work and helps the Commission free up its resources for to complete its higher priority work. The Commission is working with Senator Scott on clarifying the Commission's statutory responsibilities. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date June 10, 2008.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

ACR 91 (Mendoza) – As Introduced January 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill expresses the intent of the Legislature that the California Community Colleges increase the number of full-time tenured and tenure-track employees. Current regulations governing the community colleges call for 75% of faculty to be full-time employees, but many colleges have not reached this goal. This resolution calls for the community colleges to make progress toward that goal and calls for increases in salaries and benefits for part-time and non-tenure-track faculty. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: California Federation of Teachers (co-sponsor), Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, (co-sponsor), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Teachers Association.

Opposition: (March 4, 2008 version) No official opposition.

Private Postsecondary Education

AB 2746 (Niello) – As Amended April 9, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, replaces the expired Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008. The bill establishes the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Provisions include the new bureau's powers, duties, compliance and enforcement processes, definitions of which schools will be covered, approval processes for schools, school and student rights and responsibilities, and penalties for violations. The bill, along with SB 823 (Perata), seeks to reestablish state oversight of private postsecondary education. The Commission helped draft and supported the 1989 Act and had conducted reviews of the former Bureau. Given the complexity of negotiations on this bill, staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: (March 24, 2008 version) Department of Consumer Affairs (Sponsor), Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools, Corinthian Colleges, Inc., License Instruction Schools, Log Cabin Republican.

Opposition: (March 24, 2008 version) Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Center for Public Interest Law, Consumers Union, Sanville Institute, SEIU Local 1000, Western Institute for Social Research.

AB 519 (Portantino) – As Amended September 7, 2007 – Commission Policy – Watch: This bill, as amended, extends limited state oversight of private postsecondary institutions by the Department of Consumer Affairs, from February 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008, with provisions contained in AB 1525 (Cook). This bill has not moved or changed since it was last amended. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Floor Inactive File.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition on this version of the measure.

SB 823 (Perata) – As Amended August 20, 2007 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, reestablishes state regulation of private postsecondary schools, with specified exemptions, by a bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs. It permanently replaces the expired Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989 with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007. In the interim, the Act is being replaced by the provisions of AB 1525 (Cook). A workgroup of stakeholders has been meeting to agree upon provisions for SB 823. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: (July 7, 2007 version) Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Federation of California, 13 students, San Mateo Community College District.

Opposition: (August 20, 2007 version) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, California Chamber of Commerce, several community college districts, and several private colleges. A complete list of opposition is available at the state Legislative Counsel's website:

www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_823_cfa_20070821_130047_asm_comm.html

Segmental Mission and Functions

AB 2469 (Brownley) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill states legislative intent to enact legislation requiring the Legislative Analyst's Office to convene a working group to review all current reporting requirements applying to postsecondary education systems. This subsequent bill seeks to end all ongoing reporting requirements set in prior budget acts and to establish more relevant reports. The working group would include representatives from the Senate and Assembly fiscal committees, the Department of Finance, and the public postsecondary education systems. This process would allow the systems to focus on the highest-priority reports and would help free up limited resources. The Commission has been working with interested parties as part of this project. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

AB 2489 (Arambula) – As Amended April 6, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (*pending*): This bill, as amended, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review the Education Code and eliminate duplicative, unnecessary and obsolete provisions. The Superintendent would convene a group of stakeholders for this review, including K-12, the legislative and executive branches, and higher education. Staff recommend that the Commission support this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

SB 1585 (Padilla) – As Amended April 14, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (*pending*): The bill, as amended, establishes a voluntary five-year pilot program for up to ten community colleges to increase their transfers to four-year universities. The bill requires CSU, and requests UC, to establish outreach programs at participating community colleges. The Commission adopted a watch position on this bill as introduced. Recent amendments focus the bill on voluntary activities to increase community college transfers. Staff recommend that the Commission support this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: The California Community Colleges' Board of Governors.

Opposition: No official opposition.

Student Fees and Financial Aid

AB 1821 (Portantino) – As Amended April 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (*pending*): This bill formerly dealt with CSU hiring and executive compensation. As amended, it clarifies that students participating in the Competitive Cal Grant B award program may use a college grade point average (GPA), if they have one, in lieu of a high school GPA. The bill would allow all college GPAs to be used for purposes of a Competitive Cal Grant B award, making the GPA determination criteria identical to the Competitive Cal Grant A Program and consistent with the initial legislative intent. Without this bill, the California Student Aid Commission will have to change its criteria for awarding future Competitive Cal Grant B awards by excluding the GPA students received in college courses other than those from community colleges.

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Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

AB 2082 (Salas) – As Amended March 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the Student Aid Commission to add students in the California National Guard with at least two years of service to the list of those given special consideration for Cal Grant A and B awards. Under current law, Competitive Cal Grant awards recipients are selected for A and B awards from the applicant pool through a competitive process based largely on family income and grade point average, with special consideration for disadvantaged students. Because of limited funding, only about 18% of qualified applicants receive Competitive awards each year. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California State Veterans Commanders Council.

Opposition: No official opposition.

AB 2083 (Núñez) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill requires public postsecondary education systems to establish procedures allowing undocumented students who are eligible for resident tuition under provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) access institutional financial aid programs. This bill ensures that California complies with federal law requiring that states enact specific legislation to provide eligibility for state financial aid to students who do not have documentation of legal status in the United States. In 2007, the Commission supported SB 1 (Cedillo), the “Dream Act,” which would have provided eligibility for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards for students covered under AB 540. This bill is identical to the proposed SB 1301 (Cedillo). Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: American Civil Liberties Union, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, California Labor Federation, California State University, City College of San Francisco, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles Unified School District, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, Rio Honda Community College District, San Jose–Evergreen Community College District.

Opposition: Concerned Women for America of California.

AB 2365 (De La Torre) – As Amended March 24, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, increases the percentage of new Cal Grant B recipients eligible for payments for tuition and fees in their first year to 25%, effective with the 2009–10 academic year. This percentage would grow to 50% for the 2010–11 and to 75% for 2011–12 academic year, and would cover all new Cal Grant B recipients commencing with the 2012–13 academic year. Currently, these first-year students are only eligible for access awards (room and board) during their first academic year; the awards do not cover tuition and fees. The Commission has long supported increasing Cal Grant B award levels and increasing the number of recipients who receive fee and tuition awards in their first year of eligibility. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

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Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Support: (March 24, 2008 version) California Postsecondary Education Commission, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, California State Student Association, California State University, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.

Opposition: (March 24, 2008 version) No official opposition.

AB 2372 (Coto) – As Amended April 14, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill establishes the College Affordability Act of 2008 and sets forth legislative policy on student fees at public postsecondary education systems. The bill establishes the 2008–09 fiscal year as a base for the fee levels and prohibits increases from 2009–10 through 2014–05. The bill limits any subsequent increases to no more than the change in the California Consumer Price Index.

The bill also establishes an income tax rate of 1% on taxable income above \$1 million. Receipts would be deposited into the state General Fund, with 60% put into the “College Affordability Fund,” created in this bill for continuous appropriation to CSU and UC. The bill creates the College Affordability Funding Accountability Panel to annually review expenditure of these funds. The Commission has no adopted policy regarding tax increases, but the bill is consistent with Commission policy of limiting fee increases and of improving accountability for expenditures of public funds. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Support: (April 14, 2008 version) American Medical Student Association, Associated Students of UC Riverside, California State Student Association, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Lambda Letters Project, Nu Alpha Kappa, CSU Stanislaus, Students and Families for Tuition Relief Now (25 chapters).

Opposition: (April 14, 2008 version) California Taxpayers’ Association, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Log Cabin Republicans, California State University.

AB 2496 (Huffman) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill requires expanding provisions that waive college tuition and fees to surviving children and spouses of public safety workers and military personnel to include survivors of firefighters employed by the federal government assigned to work in California. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Floor.

Support: California Professional Firefighters (Sponsor)

Opposition: No official opposition.

AB 2722 (Duvall) – As Amended April 14, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires CSU and UC to set fees over a four-year period, effective with the 2009–10 fiscal year. The bill provides CSU and UC the discretion to set their systemwide fees for the four-year periods and deletes provisions that reduced fees in the 2008–09 and 2009–2010 fiscal years. Sections of this bill are in line with Commission-adopted policies regarding student fees, but others are in conflict. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Re-referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee.

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Support: No official support.

Opposition: California State University.

AB 2876 (Leiber) – As Amended April 8, 2008 – Commission Position – Support - Sponsor: This bill, as amended, creates the Student Loan Integrity Act and expresses legislative intent regarding standards of ethical behavior for financial aid personnel at colleges and universities. The bill prohibits representatives of postsecondary institutions from engaging in various behaviors regarding student loans and financial aid. The bill requires all high schools and postsecondary institutions to post warnings to students regarding private student loans. The bill contains various sections detailing actions that would be considered illegal representations of student loan provisions.

The bill was heard in the Assembly Higher Education committee and several concerns were raised during the discussion. Among the concerns was that this bill could lead to frivolous lawsuits against lenders and institutions if the warnings were insufficient, and that penalties seemed excessive for what could be perceived as misleading statements. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Support: California Postsecondary Education Committee (Sponsor).

Opposition: Accredited Out-of-State Colleges and Universities in California, California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools, California Bankers Association, Los Rios Community College District, University of Southern California.

SB 1158 (Scott) – As Amended April 23, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, provides loan forgiveness under Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) to eligible credentialed teachers who agree to teach at public schools in the lowest 20% of API rankings. This bill shifts 400 APLE awards from the “district interns” category to the “veteran teachers” category. The bill also revises some conditions for making awards, revises award amounts, and makes technical changes to the APLE statutes. The bill limits the number of warrants that can be provided to 400 per year. Some of the greatest shortages of experienced teachers are in low-API schools and this bill seeks to address this inequity. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date May 19, 2008.

Support: California Postsecondary Education Commission, California Teachers Association.

Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 1219 (Cedillo) – As Amended April 16, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, provides a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award to former members of the U.S. military when they enroll in a qualifying postsecondary institution, beginning in the 2009–10 academic year. The bill also requires the Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all currently eligible applicants, and requires participating institutions to conduct random audits to verify that students who received new and renewal awards meet this provision’s eligibility requirements. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support: American GI Forum of California, Grossmont College Student Veterans Organization, Los Angeles Unified School District, Military Veterans Organization at UCLA, National Veterans

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Foundation, Student Veteran Organization at San Diego State University, Veterans Student Union, UC Irvine.

Support/Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 1290 (Wyland) – As Introduced February 19, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill requires public postsecondary education systems to waive all mandatory tuition and fees for qualified members of the California National Guard. These waivers would apply to a maximum of five years of education. The waivers would apply to people who had served or are committed to serving at least three years, among other qualifying provisions. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is now inactive.

Status: Senate Education Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

SB 1301 (Cedillo) – As Introduced February 20, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill requires public postsecondary education systems to establish procedures allowing undocumented students to be eligible for resident tuition under provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) access institutional financial aid programs. This bill ensures that California complies with federal law requiring that states enact legislation to provide eligibility for state financial aid to students who do not have documentation of legal status in the United States. This bill is identical to the proposed AB 2083 (Núñez). Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Asian Americans for Civil Rights & Equality, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, California Federation of Teachers, California State Student Association, California State University, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Community College District, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Napa Valley College, Rio Hondo Community College District, San Jose–Evergreen Community College District.

Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 1355 (Corbett) – As amended April 23, 2008 – Commission Position – Support - Sponsor: This bill, as amended, requires public and independent postsecondary institutions to provide prospective students with information clearly detailing the differences between private student loans. This bill requires the colleges and universities to provide students with information in individual financial aid awards that distinguishes private loans from federal loans. Provisions in the bill also require institutions to make specified disclosures about private student loans and provide general information on the terms of the loan available through the lender and disclose the reason for each lender's inclusion on the list. The Commission has historically supported improving information to students on financing their college education. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to sponsor and support this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date May 19, 2008.

Support: (April 1, 2008 version) California Postsecondary Education Commission, California State Student Association, Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges.

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Opposition: California Bankers Association.

SB 1457 (Steinberg) – As Amended April 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (*pending*):

This bill, as amended, creates the California Scholarshare Advancement Vehicle for Education program (CalSAVE) to fund scholarship accounts for beneficiaries as determined by the Scholarshare Investment Board. The board would be required to create subaccounts for different beneficiary categories. Donors would be able to designate a category of beneficiary for their contributions. Current law prohibits the Scholarshare Board from accepting contributions that are not designated for a specified beneficiary. This bill amends the law to allow for such contributions and prioritizes as potential beneficiaries foster youth, at-risk youth, people with demonstrated economic need, and people seeking postbaccalaureate courses in areas where the state faces shortages. The students targeted for this college savings program are among the lowest college-going groups in California. The bill's targeting areas where the state faces critical workforce needs is also consistent with Commission-adopted goals. Staff recommend that the Commission support this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support: (February 21, 2008 version) Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, Sacramento County Office of Education, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer.

Opposition: No official support or opposition.

SB 1621 (Ashburn) – As Amended April 23, 2008 – Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, expands eligibility for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE) program and makes other changes to this program. This bill specifies that an otherwise qualified person who has been admitted to an institution of postsecondary education is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for a SNAPLE award. Currently, eligible persons who become employed as a full-time nursing faculty at a California college or university are eligible to receive these conditional warrants for loan assumption. Recent amendments extend these provisions to professionals who do not immediately become nursing faculty after earning their degrees. The Commission believes that faculty with practical nursing experience are more effective in preparing nursing students for the world of work. The Commission and other researchers have documented the state's nursing shortage. Staff recommend that the Commission support this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

SB 1656 (Romero) – As amended April 14, 2008 – Commission Position – Support - Sponsor: This bill, as amended, expands eligibility for the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) to teachers at schools for juvenile offenders in state correctional facilities. The bill takes effect in the 2009–10 academic year. It requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to identify schools and programs for juvenile offenders in Division of Juvenile Justice facilities. The Commission supports efforts to improve educational opportunities to underserved and under-performing populations. In addition, recent reports document the savings to the state when more inmates participate in educational programs. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support and sponsor this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support: California Postsecondary Education Commission (Sponsor), California Correctional Peace Officers Association, Youth Law Center

Opposition: No official support or opposition.

Workforce Development

AB 2485 (Furutani) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill declares the Legislature’s intent to enact future legislation requiring postsecondary education systems to work with industry, labor and others to develop a comprehensive plan to improve the quality of workforce education. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline.

Status: Active.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

SB 1288 (Scott) – As Amended April 23, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, authorizes CSU to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. This degree program focuses on preparing nurses in advanced nursing practice, developing faculty for nursing education programs, and enabling working professionals to earn the degree. Programs established under this provision must not duplicate research-based Ph.D. programs in nursing offered by UC and research institutions. The bill requires CSU to seek non-state funding and to establish this program when sufficient funding has been acquired. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

Support: California State University (sponsor).

Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 1393 (Scott) – As Amended April 9, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: Under current law, nursing students at CSU and the community colleges who have bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution can be required to complete only the coursework needed for licensure as a registered nurse. This bill, as amended, tightens restrictions on which courses CSU and the community colleges can require these students to take. This bill prohibits institutions from requiring these students to complete any courses other than those that are unique to the institution’s nursing degree program. This bill is intended to increase completion rates in nursing programs. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Floor.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

Other Areas

AB 2277 (Eng) – As Amended on April 8, 2008 – Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, proposes to backfill the current-year shortfall in property tax revenue to the California Community Colleges with state General Fund monies. The bill originally sought to change the Proposition 98-required funding for community college districts, but was amended to address the expected the recently reported shortfall in property tax revenues for the 2007–08 fiscal year. Staff recommend that the Commission watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

AB 2296 (Mullin) – As Amended on April 1, 2008 – Commission Position – Support (*pending*): This bill, as amended, prohibits posting personal information about animal researchers with the intent of doing harm. The bill provides legal rights of action to persons covered under this law if they are victimized by the posting of their picture, their Internet or home address, or telephone number. The recent amendment states legislative intent to balance the public's right to information with the ability of animal researchers to conduct their work without fear of violence. The Commission supports improving protections for college and university students and employees, particularly in light of recent attacks and harassment of animal research workers. Staff recommend that the Commission continue to support this bill.

Status: Assembly Floor.

Support: UC (sponsor), California Postsecondary Education Commission, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, BayBio, BIOCUM, California Biomedical Research Association, California Healthcare Institute, California Institute of Technology, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, CSU, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Feld Entertainment, Inc., Stanford University, University of Southern California.

Opposition: California Newspaper Publishers Association, Animal Place, American Civil Liberties Union, Humane Society of the United States.

AB 2366 (Portantino) – As Introduced February 21, 2008 – Commission Position – Support, if amended: This bill declares legislative intent to enact legislation requiring the California Department of Education to link its California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) with the workforce data system maintained by the Employment Development Department. CALPADS could then monitor student progression through public elementary and secondary schools and into the workforce. The Commission has supported the creation of such a system which would improve the state's education system and employment training programs. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline.

Status: Active.

Support/Opposition: No official support or opposition.

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Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR	1st Desk	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Desk	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Conf./Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	Comments
AB 100	Mullin	Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008.	Support	2nd Policy													02/07/2008- Referred to Com. on RLS.
AB 519	Portantino	Private postsecondary education.	Watch	2nd Floor													09/11/2007-To inactive file on motion of Senator Romero.
AB 1409	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	Watch	2nd Fiscal													03/12/2008- From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1821	Portantino	Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poohigian-Vasc oncellos Cal Grant Program.	Watch	1st Fiscal													04/23/2008- From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. Re-referred. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 22).
AB 2082	Salas	Student financial aid: military service.	Watch	1st Fiscal													04/17/2008- From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 15).
AB 2083	Nunez	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal													04/09/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2261	Ruskin	Community colleges: open education resources centers.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal													04/23/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

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AB 2277	Eng	Community Colleges: property tax revenues.	Watch	1st Fiscal ██████████	04/30/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2296	Mullin	Animals: Animal Enterprise Protection Act.	Support, if Amended Position Letter	1st Floor ██████████████████	05/05/2008-Read second time. To third reading.
AB 2365	De La Torre	Cal Grant B awards: award amount.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal ██████████	04/09/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2366	Portantino	Pupil data: workforce outcomes.	Support, if Amended	Dead ████	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2372	Coto	Public postsecondary education: systemwide fees: limitations: tax levy.	Watch	1st Policy ██████████	04/28/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to REV. & TAX. suspense file.
AB 2458	Walters	Public postsecondary education: graduation rates.	Watch	Dead ████	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2469	Brownley	Postsecondary education: reporting requirements.	Support	Dead ████	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2485	Furutani	Workforce development.	Support	Dead ████	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2489	Arambula	Education: code maintenance.	Support, if Amended Position Letter	1st Fiscal ██████████	04/30/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 2496	Huffman	Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees.	Support Position Letter	2nd Policy ██████████████████████████████	05/05/2008-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
AB 2722	Duvall	Public postsecondary education: statewide student fee policy.	Watch	1st Policy ██████████	04/15/2008-Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.

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AB 2746	Niello	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008.	Watch	1st Fiscal ██████████	04/15/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (April 15).
AB 2876	Lieber	Postsecondary education: Student Loan Integrity Act.	Support Position Letter	1st Policy ██████████	04/10/2008-Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED. In committee: Set, first hearing. Held without recommendation.
ACR 91	Mendoza	California Community College faculty.	Watch	1st Fiscal ██████████	05/08/2008-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Amended.
SB 325	Scott	Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.	Support	2nd Policy ████████████████████	03/24/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
SB 361	Scott	Postsecondary education: California Postsecondary Education Commission.	Support	2nd Policy ████████████████████	04/28/2008-To Com. on HIGHER ED.
SB 823	Perata	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007.	Watch	2nd Fiscal ████████████████████	08/31/2007-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/30/2007 hearing)
SB 890	Scott	Pupils: Early Commitment to College program.	Watch	2nd Fiscal ████████████████████	03/25/2008-From DEAD To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE:
SB 1158	Scott	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal ██████████	05/08/2008-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. Set for hearing May 19.
SB 1219	Cedillo	Student financial aid: member and former members of the Armed Forces.	Watch	1st Fiscal ██████████	05/05/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

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SB 1288	Scott	California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.	Watch	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/02/2008-Set for hearing May 12.
SB 1290	Wyland	National Guard: educational benefits.	Watch	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/19/2008-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
SB 1301	Cedillo	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support Position Letter	1st Floor [REDACTED]	05/06/2008-Read second time. Amended. To third reading.
SB 1355	Corbett	Postsecondary education: private student loans.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/08/2008-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. Set for hearing May 19.
SB 1393	Scott	Nursing programs.	Watch	2nd Policy [REDACTED]	05/08/2008-To Com. on HIGHER ED.
SB 1457	Steinberg	Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act: CalSAVE program.	Watch	1st Floor [REDACTED]	05/07/2008-Read second time. To third reading.
SB 1585	Padilla	California Community Colleges: transfer students.	Watch	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/02/2008-Set for hearing May 12.
SB 1621	Ashburn	Nursing education.	Support Position Letter	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	05/02/2008-Set for hearing May 12.
SB 1656	Romero	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education: eligibility.	Support - Sponsor Position Letter	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	04/21/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

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